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1. AS A RESULT OF CAB APPROVAL OF THE PAA/TWA ROUTE TRANSFER AGREEMENT, PAA AND TWA HAVE REVISED THEIR SUMMER 1975 SCHEDULES TO SPAIN. THE REVISED SCHEDULES PROVIDE FOR A NET CAPACITY REDUCTION OF 39.2 PERCENT IN THE US-SPAIN MARKET COMPARED TO SUMMER 1974, AND THEREFORE THEY NEED THE SCHEDULES OF ALL CARRIERS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES, PAA AND TWA SHOULD BE ADVISED TO FILE DIRECTLY WITH THE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY.

2. WE NOTE EXPRESSIONS OF GOS CONCERN WITH TWA'S NEW PATTERN OF DAILY MADRID-ROME-ATHENS FLIGHTS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE (REF B) AND IN DGCA'S RECENT LETTER TO TWA'S LOCAL MANAGER. HOWEVER WE FEEL THAT SPANISH SHOULD WELCOME THE SUMMER 1975 SERVICE PATTERN SINCE IN LARGE MEASURE IT MEETS THEIR OFTEN STATED CONCERNS WITH MULTIPLE DESIG-

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NATION.

3. SHOULD GOS EXPRESS FURTHER MISGIVINGS, THE EMBASSY MAY
DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING IN RESPONDING:

A) US CARRIERS REDUCED THEIR CAPACITY DURING THE SUMMER
OF 1974 (REF C).

B) US CARRIERS ARE PLANNING A FURTHER CAPACITY REDUCTION
OF 39.2 PERCENT FOR THE SUMMER OF 1975.

C) APPROVAL OF THE PAA/TWA ROUTE TRANSFER AGREEMENT RE-
SULTS IN TWA BEING THE ONLY US CARRIER BETWEEN THE US AND
SPAIN EXCEPT FOR PAA'S FIVE WEEKLY SERVICES BETWEEN MIAMI/
SAN JUAN AND MADRID THEREBY ELIMINATING LONG-STANDING
SOURCE OF GOS CONCERN.

D) TWA SERVICES AT BARCELONA WILL PROVIDE 40.8 PERCENT
LESS CAPACITY THAN PAA PROVIDED IN THE SUMMER OF 1974
WITH A REDUCTION FROM SEVEN WEEKLY FLIGHTS TO ONLY FOUR.

E) TWA'S CURRENT SCHEDULING PLANS CALL FOR A CHANGE OF
GAUGE AT MADRID FOR TWO WEEKLY MALAGA SERVICES AND THREE
WEEKLY BARCELONA SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH ONLY.
DURING THE SUMMER OF 1975, TWA WILL OPERATE A TWICE WEEK-
LY NEW YORK-MALAGA-BARCELONA SERVICE WITH 707 EQUIPMENT.
THUS TWA WILL NO LONGER HAVE A CHANGE OF GAUGE IN SPAIN.
(FYI: THE DROPPING OF THE CHANGE OF GAUGE IS NOT A RE-
SULT OF GOS RESERVATIONS ON THIS ISSUE. THE USG STILL
MAINTAINS THE POSITION EXPRESSED IN REF D. END FYI.)

F) THE ROUTE TRANSFER AGREEMENT NECESSITATED A GLOBAL
REALIGNMENT OF THE ROUTE NETWORKS OF PAA AND TWA
AND SOME CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGES IN FIFTH FREEDOM SERVICES
HAVE OCCURED. FOR EXAMPLE, TWA NOW HAS A ONE-STOP
MADRID-ATHENS SERVICE BUT IT DISCONTINUED ALL ITS
ONE-STOP MADRID-CAIRO SERVICES WHICH IT OPERATED DURING
THE SUMMER OF 1974. INGERSOLL

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